

the best kind of bargain that the political subdivision can make or not is currently a bar to that transaction under the kinds of sections that we now have in our law. LB 370 in a recap does this, it eliminates statutory maximums, it erects a different process in its place. That process is a limitation of the power of the interested political subdivision official to participate in the decision. Secondly, it is making a clear public record and disclosure of that interest. Third, it is to create a separate public record available during regular office hours to the media, to private citizens, or whomever, to inspect the terms of those contracts consummated and, lastly, it requires that that contract be either the best price or the best quality or demonstrably serving the public interest compared to the competitors for that contract. I move the advancement of LB 370 and stand ready to answer any questions you might have. I would also like to signal to you that both Natural Resources Districts and school districts have expressed interest in utilizing this theory with regard to their circumstances. I have indicated to them that the bill in the event it moves to Select File would be available for amendment insofar as the theory propounded by this bill would be utilized for those political subdivisions. I move the advancement of LB 370.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Landis. Now before I recognize Senator Haberman, I would like to introduce on behalf of Senator Remmers his guests in the North balcony, 8 members from the Champion Extension Club from Nemaha County. Deloris Seid is with them, the tour planner, the housemother of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Sorority. Will you stand and be recognized. Welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, having been a former member of a city council, former member of a county board, I rise to oppose LB 370. I received a letter and I presume all of you did from the City of Fremont, from the Mayor, and from the President of the Fremont City Council. They are opposed to 370. Many, many times the citizens cannot go to a meeting. They can't get off work when the meetings are held in the daytime. If they do take off work, they are docked. So the citizens cannot and do not have input into some of these boards. I do not know of one case and I have never talked to anyone who has not ran for a board because of the way the law now reads. You could say the same thing about the Legislature and their low pay. They say the same thing about judges but we had thirteen of them wanting a position here the other day so I don't think that the way the law now reads is a deterrent. How will the public find out all of these things? Will it be published in